

ERUPTIVE VENT IN MONT PELEE NOW TWO MILES WIDE

CHRIS VON DER AHE STORMS OWN HOUSE

MAYOR'S PERMITS QUESTIONED BY JURY

ABRAHAM WITHERUP LYNCHED AT PARIS FOR KILLING GROW.



—Photograph taken by the New York Herald's and St. Louis Republic's Special Correspondent.

Captain Freeman of the Redoubt, the only steamer to escape from the harbor of St. Pierre, as he appeared in his sick bed at Castries, Island of St. Lucia. Captain Freeman, blistered, half roasted, almost dead on his feet, aided by five others of the crew, equally incapacitated, steered their boat from the island of death to safety on an island many miles away. How they managed to keep down the fire on board, and steer the vessel with a small fraction of the regular force and a crippled rudder, has formed one of the most thrilling chapters of the history written by Mont Pelee around the Island of Martinique. All accounts agree that Captain Freeman was the bravest of the brave and that his deed of daring and courage in the face of the most appalling circumstances has few parallels in history.

LAVA IS RUNNING IN GREAT STREAMS FROM CRATER TO SEA

Water Around Northern Part of Is. Is Black—St. Pierre a Level Lava-Coated Waste—Many Inhabitants of Island Are Seeking Refuge in Trinity. Where People Are Sleeping in the Streets.

CU'ETER AT FORT DE FRANCE, BUT THE EXODUS CONTINUES.

SPECIAL BY CABLE FROM THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC AND NEW YORK HERALD'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.
Paris, France, May 25.—(Copyright, 1902.)—The steamer Ligeia, which arrived this morning with more fugitives from Martinique, reports that Mont Pelee is still very active.

The whole top of the volcano appears to have opened for a distance of fully two miles, forming one vast crater, from which ashes and lava are pouring forth in enormous quantities. The lava is running in great streams from the top of the crater to the sea.

The walls left standing in St. Pierre after the first eruption have been leveled since and now lie buried in sheets of lava. The sea around the northern part of the island is black with finely powdered pumice stone and the trunks of burned trees, which

have been carried out to sea from the mountains. Affairs in Port de France are reported quiet, but the inhabitants continue to flee from the island on every available vessel. Most of them go to neighboring islands, but many of the citizens of Port de France have sought shelter in Trinity, a town in the southern part of Martinique, out of Mont Pelee's danger zone. That town has become so greatly overcrowded that there is no shelter left, and large numbers of refugees sleep out doors on the sidewalks or under trees. Provisions are being sent to Trinity from Port de France. The officials in Port de France have asked permission of the French Government to leave the city, but their request has been refused. The troops on the island are uneasy and frightened.

CLOUD BELCHED FROM VOLCANO ENVELOPED TOWN IN DARKNESS.

Population of Chateau Belair, Island of St. Vincent, Fled in Panic and Will Not Return—Cloud Changed Day Into Night, Was Strengthened With Electrical Manifestations and Was Seen on Neighboring Island—Terrible Flood of Rain Followed.

Kingstown, Island of St. Vincent, British West Indies, Saturday, May 24.—Another eruption, the night of Sunday, May 18, caused a greater fall of ashes and stones and more consternation at Chateau Belair, on the Island of St. Vincent, than resulted from the eruption of May 7. Shortly after the appearance of a cloud May 18, which was belched from the mountain, Egyptian darkness enveloped the village of Chateau Belair.

Wild Exodus From Town.
The inhabitants rent the air with shrieks and groined against the banks of the roads leading to Cumberland in their efforts to flee from the threatened danger. Many persons had limbs broken. The darkness lasted one hour, but the exodus from Chateau Belair continued all night.

Flood Followed Eruption.
Detonations and smoke and lava from the volcano continued the next day (May 19) and the people still tried to leave Chateau Belair for Kingstown and other towns. A heavy rainfall occurred at Chateau Belair the 19th, the first in the district for two months, and the streets, huts and shops were flooded.

As the volcanic eruptions diminished after the 19th, some thirty of the inhabitants returned to Chateau Belair, but they are still apprehensive.

Kingstown is longing for rain. The heat and dryness here are unprecedented. There is no hope for the resuscitation of the Caribbean for years to come. The canal that supplied water to that country for domestic and manufacturing purposes has dried up and the district is isolated. The Government is treating for the purchase of an estate upon which to settle the refugees, and carpenters are engaged in erecting huts on safe locations to relieve the congestion in Kingstown.

Cloud Seen in St. Lucia.

The cloud that issued from the crater Sunday night was visible to the inhabitants of the neighboring island of St. Lucia and inspired them with awe. Vivid flashes of lightning were seen on the morning of the 19th and those were accompanied by slight volcanic rumblings. The number of new craters in the disturbed district cannot be ascertained, as ascent of the mountain is impossible, but there are apparently four active craters there. Rumbling sounds are heard, and

vapor is still issuing from different portions of the mountain, and the lava is flowing. Mount Enham shows no distinct signs of activity. The United States steamer Dictator arrived here yesterday with 200,000 rice and clothing, medicine and supplies. The interruption of the cable between here and the Island of St. Lucia has caused delay in the transmission of messages.

BASSE POINT OBLITERATED.

New Outburst From Mont Pelee Wipes Out the Town.

Port de France, Island of Martinique, Saturday, May 24.—Mont Pelee was comparatively quiet yesterday (Friday). To-day the volcano belched forth a torrent of lava and mud, which rushed down the northern slope of the mountain and swept away what was left of the town of Basse Pointe. New fissures have opened in the side of the mountain.

FISSURES OCCUR IN PORTUGAL.

Emitted Fire and Smoke—Tornado Accompanied.

Lisbon, May 25.—Curious phenomena have been observed at Pedre, near Oporto, which are supposed to be connected with the volcanic eruptions in the Azores. Fissures in the earth there emitted fire and smoke, and simultaneously there came a tornado.

FUNERAL OF LORD PAUNCEFOTE

State Burial Will Be Given British Diplomat Wednesday.

Washington, May 25.—With the exception of a few details the arrangements for the funeral services over the remains of Lord Pauncefote, the British Ambassador, who died yesterday morning, are now complete. The funeral will be held Wednesday at noon in St. John's Episcopal Church, after which the body will be temporarily deposited in a receiving vault at Rock Creek Cemetery. A military escort will be provided by the War Department to attend the funeral, which will be of a state character. A large number of messages of condolence from all over the world were received at the embassy to-day, but they were not made public.

LEADING TOPICS TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 6:00 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 7:54. THE MOON RISES THIS EVENING AT 10:25.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

For Missouri—Fair in the east, with probable showers in west Monday Tuesday fair.

For Illinois—Fair Monday, cooler in north Tuesday fair.

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For Western Texas—Fair Monday and Tuesday.

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MERCHANT SHOT IN BED.

Mystery Surrounds Attempt on Life of Daniel Hill of Chicago.

Chicago, May 25.—Daniel Hill, a wealthy real estate owner of Morris, Ill., and a partner in the firm of George H. Phillips & Co. on the Chicago Board of Trade, was shot and seriously wounded early to-day as he lay in bed in his residence, No. 737 Monroe street.

Six shots were fired, three taking effect, one behind the left ear, one entering his nose and the other shattering his right arm. Considerable mystery surrounds the shooting.

According to Mrs. Hill, she and her husband were asleep when Mr. Hill was awakened by the forcing of a lock on the bedroom door. He reached for his revolver, but before he could use it three men rushed into the room and fired at him.

The first shot awoke Mrs. Hill and she rushed to the window and shouted for help. The police responded in a few minutes, but in the meantime the supposed burglars had made their escape.

PEASANTS TO KILL PRINCE.

Intended Victim Recently Compelled by the Czar.

St. Petersburg, May 25.—A report has reached here of an attempt to assassinate Prince Obolensky, Governor of Kharkoff, who was commended by the Czar for suppressing the rioting among the peasants of that district.

His Wife Has Him Arrested and He Has Her Brother Held—Guards Watch Residence.

SUIT FOR DIVORCE IS FILED.

Former Baseball Magnate Denies Admission to All Callers—Police Court Case To-Day.

Mrs. Chris Von der Ahe, who filed suit Saturday for divorce from the former baseball magnate, yesterday had her husband arrested because he endeavored to force an entrance to the family residence at No. 5512 St. Louis avenue. Chris afterwards took possession of the house, and last evening had his brother-in-law, Julius Finninger, arrested for trespass. Finninger's half-brother, Max Kaiser, was also placed in custody.

Together Mr. and Mrs. Von der Ahe went to the Dayton street police station after Chris stormed the house. Captain Gaffney released Chris, when the latter claimed ownership of the property and mildly scolded the officers for taking him into custody. Chris then went home and allowed Mrs. Von der Ahe to accompany him. Last evening she was virtually a prisoner in her own home, as her husband and the guards stationed in the house would permit no one to see her. The one-time owner of the Browns has a special detail of trusted men to watch the house two of his own deputies remaining inside all night and two all day. Finninger and Kaiser visited the house Saturday evening when they arrived at his sister, Chris and the guards had them transported to the Dayton Street Station, where they were locked up until Victor Schaefer, an old acquaintance of Chris, who conducts a saloon at Jefferson avenue and Dickson street, signed their bonds for \$500. Their cases will come up this morning.

The trouble existing between Mr. and Mrs. Von der Ahe has developed an interesting series of complications, involving not alone the features detailed in the suit for divorce, but also the title to valuable property. Before filing the petition for divorce Mrs. Von der Ahe filed with the Recorder of Deeds for official record certain deeds relating to the property.

Chris spent a happy week, little dreaming that he would return Saturday night to find entrances to his home barred. He was visiting King's Lake, with party of friends, on a fishing excursion. Meanwhile his wife was arranging for a legal separation. To his surprise, the storm door was locked Saturday night when he arrived at his house. He resolved to break in, but friends urged him to postpone the effort until morning. Early yesterday he, with three men, broke in the door and entered the house. Finninger, who was inside, resisted the storming party, Chris says. After the husband took possession, Mrs. Von der Ahe wanted to have him arrested, but was not willing to go to the station. At last, however, she decided to do so. Chris was released by Captain Gaffney and went home, although his wife is still with him. He changed some men to watch the house, so he could get in and out, and so that his wife's relatives could not successfully make an attack.

Finninger and Kaiser said there in the evening, Finninger told his bondsmen that they visited the place merely to call on their sister, but Chris says they tried to take possession of the house. Finninger, who was inside, resisted the storming party, Chris says. After the husband took possession, Mrs. Von der Ahe wanted to have him arrested, but was not willing to go to the station. At last, however, she decided to do so. Chris was released by Captain Gaffney and went home, although his wife is still with him. He changed some men to watch the house, so he could get in and out, and so that his wife's relatives could not successfully make an attack.

SOUGHT TWO LIVES AND SHOT HIMSELF

Allie Petty, a Disappointed Lover, With Revolver Attacks Sweetheart and Her Mother.

Greenfield, Mo., May 25.—In a fit of desperation, because Mrs. Clara Friend would not consent to his marriage, Allie Petty, 21, shot his sweetheart, turned the pistol upon her mother and then attempted to take his own life by firing the remaining bullet into his brain. Both women were shot twice, and the young man probably died, as Mr. Petty. The latter was mortally wounded. Mrs. Friend will probably recover. Mrs. Friend's objection to Petty's attentions to her daughter had greatly embittered him against her, and it is thought he intended to wreak his revenge by wiping out the entire family.

After the shooting caused much excitement here, as all of the persons were well known in and around Greenfield.

MARLBOROUGH MADE A KNIGHT.

Succeeds Earl of Kimberley in Order of the Garter.

London, May 25.—King Edward has approved the conferring of the Most Noble Order of the Garter upon the Duke of Marlborough, in succession to the late Earl of Kimberley, who died on April 8. The death of the Earl of Kimberley made a vacancy in the list of Knight Companions of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, which is only conferred upon sovereigns and twenty-five members of the high nobility of the United Kingdom.

WILL CONTINUE BUTLER CASE.

Postponement Is Due to John J. Parle Funeral.

Judge Ryan was notified yesterday that the attorneys of Colonel Ed Butler, who is charged with attempted bribery, will ask for continuance of the case, when it is called this morning. It will be continued until to-morrow, Judge Ryan stated last night.

The funeral of John J. Parle, Mr. Butler's son-in-law, will take place this morning at 9 o'clock from the Cathedral Chapel on Newstead and Maryland avenues. On this account the attorneys decided to ask postponement of the case.

Two Monett Couples Married.

Monett, Mo., May 25.—E. J. Jones and Miss Cora Cox were married here yesterday. Mr. Fred Peier and Miss Nannie Pitts were married to-day.

Mansfield Remembers the Dead.

Mansfield, Mo., May 25.—Memorial services were held here to-day, conducted by the Reverend J. A. Russell, in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Inquiry Into Practices Under Ziegenhein Administration May Result in Indictment.

ACTS OF PRIVATE SECRETARY.

Fred W. Ziegenhein's Methods Reviewed in Private Testimony—Compensation Varied From \$25 to \$300.

The Grand Jury has been conducting an inquiry into practices which prevailed in the Mayor's office during the term of Henry Ziegenhein, and especially in relation to the issuance of Mayor's permits. It is generally understood that, as a result of this inquiry, at least one indictment will be returned against an official of the Mayor's office when the Grand Jury makes its report, this week or early next week.

It is not known what the exact charge will be, but the impression is that it will be plain bribery.

Fred W. Ziegenhein, the former Mayor's son, was the Mayor's private secretary during the period covered by the Grand Jury's investigation, and many of his acts have been brought to light by the testimony of witnesses in the last two weeks.

Remits of fees imposed in the police courts were ordered with more or less generosity, reduced rates on railroads were allowed, favors were extended for divers purposes, and permits were issued for sundry things and actions. In all the operations, it is stated, friends of the attitude were required as beneficiaries in the capacity of vouchers for applicants, before permits were granted.

Rates for permits varied, according to



FREDERICK W. ZIEGENHEIN. Who was private secretary to his father, Henry Ziegenhein, during the latter part of his term as Mayor of St. Louis.

statements of several merchants, who say they were asked for compensation from \$25 to \$300. Permits for ordinary privileges, such as for signs and alterations to show windows and store fronts, were issued, it is said, in consideration of \$5. Permits for special privileges were granted for larger compensation.

PRACTICE SAID TO BE WELL KNOWN TO MERCHANTS.

The practices investigated by the Grand Jury have been common gossip in business circles. Merchants who applied for permits said they were unable to obtain recognition without being introduced by some person in good standing with an official of the Mayor's office. With the introduction, however, accomplished, the rate was next mentioned and the permit issued.

When Mayor Wells was induced into office there was not on file any official documents or records. Though complaints reached municipal departments from merchants and property owners against the issuance of signs and placards on sidewalks, and against the construction of apparently illegal buildings or alterations and additions to buildings, no record of a permit authorizing the work could be discovered though inspectors now and again reported that the operations were carried on by virtue of permits from the Mayor's office.

COMMISSIONER FREQUENTLY OVERRULED BY THE MAYOR.

Often during the Ziegenhein regime, C. F. Longfellow, Commissioner of Public Buildings, denied applications for construction of buildings which would not conform to the law. Occasionally permits were issued from the Mayor's office after Mr. Longfellow had taken adverse action.

Rumors were frequent that a certain attaché of the Mayor's office was obtaining financial profit from Mayor's permits. In some cases rumors implied that a stipulated price was paid for a permit; in other cases, it was said that some attaché was receiving a periodical income from the proceeds of a project authorized by a permit, and in some cases it was said that permits and remits of fines were issued for political purposes.

Signs and advertising devices in public places were authorized by permit; small exhibitions and amusement enterprises were conducted under special permits; peddlers sold wares on the streets by authority of Mayor's permits. Inquiry in the fiscal office during the Ziegenhein regime brought out the fact that the city acquired no revenue from the Mayor's office from these permits, or, if any revenue was acquired, there was no record of it.

Frequently Captain Hodges criticized the "permit practice" on the floor of the City Council. On one occasion he went into elaborate detail and expressed his opinion of it, saying it was unlawful, President McMath of the Board of Public Improvements, and other officials also paid questionable compliments to the practice.

Memorial Services at Richview.

Richview, Ill., May 25.—Memorial services were held at the Methodist Episcopal Church in this city to-day. The Reverend E. M. Freeman conducted the services, taking for his text II Joshua iv, 21: "What mean these stones?"

Armed Men Rode Into the Town, Stormed the Jail and Took the Prisoner to a Bridge Over Salt River, From Which He Was Hanged—Victim Died Bravely After Reassuring That He Killed the Boy in Self-Defense.

LYNCHING GREW OUT OF THE POSTPONEMENT OF TRIAL.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Paris, Mo., May 25.—Abraham Witherup, who was accused of murdering William Grow, on April 17, 1902, was taken from the Paris jail by a mob and hanged at 2 o'clock this morning.

Yesterday Witherup was arraigned before Judge Eby and his trial set for June 30. It had been rumored that a mob would be ready to take him from the jail as he was being taken from the jail to the Court-house, but the officers eluded it by having him arraigned at the early hour of 8 a. m., before the arrival of the mob in town.

This, together with the postponement of the trial, until such a late date, so incensed Grow's friends that they decided to lynch the man.

GROW'S FATHER DEMANDED KEYS OF SHERIFF.

Sheriff Clark and Deputy Sheriff Clark and Masterman took charge of the jail at an early hour last night. By 11 o'clock the streets were thronged with people from the surrounding country, and it was plain to be seen that they meant to get Witherup, even if they should have to tear down the jail to do so.

Stephen Grow, father of the murdered boy, went to the Sheriff and demanded that he hand over the jail keys, saying that the crowd did not desire trouble or to hurt any one, but that they intended to have Witherup at any cost. The Sheriff refused to deliver the keys and placed with them a large number of law take, to come to the jail.

Several hours the Sheriff with his assistants stood at the door of the jail with drawn revolvers and succeeded in keeping back the crowd, and it seemed that the mob would have to give up.

MOB ARMED AND PREPARED TO STORM THE JAIL.

Several citizens of Paris went to Grow and his friends and implored them to abandon their attempt and go home. The crowd dispersed, and it was thought that it had returned home, but instead of doing this it went to the eastern part of town and there organized for an attack on the officers and the jail.

Nine men were appointed to overpower and disarm the officers. Then they marched to Smith's blacksmith shop and secured sledgehammers and iron bars with which to force an entrance to the jail.

When they were within several feet of the jail the men were commanded to halt and advance no further. Instead of heeding this, they rushed upon the officers before they had time to shoot, and overpowered and disarmed them.

SHERIFF AND HIS DEPUTY HURT IN THE STRUGGLE.

The officers had previously hidden the keys and refused to deliver them. Both Sheriff Clark and Deputy Sheriff Clark were injured, though not seriously, in the struggle that ensued. They did all in their power to resist the mob, but the crowd was too much for them.

Several men stood guard over them while others attempted to deliver them. With sledgehammers. Within thirty minutes they had battered down this door, then, by hard work, with sledgehammers and bars, they broke the locks on the inner doors and were soon in the jail.

FORMER SPEAKER WHITECOTTON PLACED IN NAIS FOR THE LAY.

It did not take long to force an entrance to Witherup's cell. A large rope was immediately placed around the murderer's neck.

At this juncture, J. H. Whitecotton, Speaker of the last House of Representatives, forced his way through the jail and placed with the mob in behalf of justice themselves, their families and the good name of Monroe County to resist.

He told them that he had refused to defend Witherup, and that he would not only refuse to defend any member of the mob, but would assist in their prosecution. The mob was powerful and determined and the officers and Whitecotton were powerless to check it. It swept by Whitecotton and out into the street with Witherup, a rope dangling around his neck.

The angry crowd proceeded down Main street about a quarter of a mile to the Parkmyra Ford, where a large iron bridge spans Salt River.

WITHERUP TALKS COOLLY AND DIES BRAVELY.

One end of the rope was tied to a large iron railing and Witherup was given the privilege of saying anything or making any confession he desired and of praying. He stated that he had nothing to say and no further confession to make, and that he had been trying to pray during his confinement in jail.

In reply to questions asked him by Grow, he said that he and Will Grow were fighting. He killed him, that they had had trouble the day of the murder and that on the night of the killing he (Grow) got mad because Witherup would not accompany him to the home of Wm. Grow.

Witherup said that he killed Grow in self-defense and did not know how many times he struck him, but was positive that he did not kill him the first time.

Witherup said he did not know what became of Grow's watch and money, and denied that he had killed a boy in Kansas.

Witherup was the most composed man in the crowd, and talked as quietly and rationally as though he was speaking in private conversation. He was not nervous or excited in the least, did not beg or plead for anything whatever, but met death bravely and without evidence of fear.

TELLS MOB HE CANNOT JUMP OFF WITH HIS FEET TIED.

After he was done speaking, his hands and arms were tied behind him and he was ordered to get upon the railing and jump off.

He replied very calmly that he could not do so with his feet tied. He was lifted up and placed on the top railing, where he sat for a moment.

At exactly 2 a. m., Stephen Grow, the dead boy's father, gave Witherup a push which sent him far out into the air and into eternity.

He died a painless death and did not make a struggle, as his neck was broken in the fall.

For some time his body swung to and fro like a pendulum, and he hung in the air between the bridge and the river until 8 o'clock this morning, when the Coroner, Doctor Johnson, of Madison, arrived. He immediately summoned a jury, and went at once to the scene and then ordered the body cut down and removed to the Court-



ABRAHAM WITHERUP.

Who was taken from the jail at Paris, Mo., early Sunday morning and lynched for the killing of William Grow, to which he had confessed.

house, where the corpse was embalmed and dressed.

The inquest will be held Tuesday. Fully 250 people witnessed the hanging. The hanging is generally deplored by the majority of the citizens of Paris and of Monroe County, for while Witherup was generally believed to be guilty, yet mob law is not approved of hereabouts.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY SAYS HE WILL PROSECUTE MOB.